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Re: December 22, 2020 motion filed by Vote Solar for Dominion Energy South Carolina's Subscription Solar Choice rider for new solar fees – Docket No. 2020-229-E

Dear Commissioners and Regulatory Staff:

This letter is in strong support of a December 22, 2020 motion by Vote Solar to require additional notice to Dominion customers and hold public hearings on a recent proposal by Dominion Energy to increase fees for solar rooftop systems.

South Carolina and other states throughout the country are finally moving forward on a much needed critical conversion from fossil fuels to clean energy sources. Meanwhile, Dominion, who rhetorically talked a "good game" on clean energy conversions during their bid for purchase and takeover of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, put forth a proposal that would detrimentally affect our State's conversion by virtually killing solar advancement through noxious fees.

Annual fee rises under this proposal could range from almost \$200 on small systems (1-3kW) to almost \$650 for larger systems (10kW).

This proposal violates both the intent and direction of the South Carolina Energy Freedom Act and the original and second Net Energy Metering (NEM) settlements. It also endangers efforts to reach conversion goals for clean energy that are desperately needed to mitigate the worst effects of climate change in the future.

It is imperative that Dominion customers, especially existing and potential "customers generators," are better informed on the details and potential impacts of the Dominion proposal and be given an opportunity for comments to the PSC via public hearing(s).

Sincerely yours,

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